would like to know what exactly is the reason. What is the estimated smuggling? Is it because the enforcement of the customs authorities has improved, that there is a fall? I would like the hon. Minister to enlighten me on this.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: I am not in a position to assess the amount of gold that is smuggled out and also the value of that.

*231. [*The questioners (Shri Ashwani Kumar and Shri Lal K. Advani) were absent. For answer*, vide *col.* 43 infra].

Implementation of the Customs and Central Excise Duties Drawback Rules

*232. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Exporters Association has given a representation against stalling of the implementation of the "The Customs and Central Excise Duties Drawback Rules, 1971" in the refund of amount of central excise duty and custom duties levied on raw materials used in production of the item exported; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to speedily implement the said Rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) A cyclostyled representation addressed to an Hon'ble Member of Parliament by an Association under the name and style of Indian Exporters' Association, A-Block, Defence Colony was brought to the notice of the Government in December, 1986.

There has been no stalling in the matter of implementation of "The Customs and Central Excise Duties Drawback Rules, 1971". With effect form 1-6-86, it had been provided that Brand Rate applications should be made prior to the date of actual exports. Many represeneations were received against this rule. It has now been provided (2-2-87) that such applications can be filed within 30 days after the date of export. This time-limit for making the applications can be relaxed by the Government by another 30 days on sufficient cause shown.

डा० बापू कालदाते : सभापति महोदयक यह हमारी समझ में नहीं आता है कि पहले नियम ही ऐसे बना दें कि जिससे तकलीफ हो जाए, फिर लोग इसके खिलाफ आपके पास आ जाएं और फिर आप उसको दुरुस्त करें। अब जून, 1986 में जो एक्सपोर्ट के बारे में रूल्ज बनाये हैं, उसमें आपने यह कहा कि ब्रांड रेटस जो होत हैं, आपका जो कुछ भी माल है उसको भेजने के पहले आज उनको लिख दें। फिर आप के पास शिकायतें आने लगीं। फरवरी में आपने उसको दुरुस्त किया। मुझे लगता है कि एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन मशीनरी में कोई ऐसे लोग हैं जिनको दिक्कत करने से कोई फायदा होता होगा। मेरा सवाल इतना ही है कि जो आपने जनवरी में नियम में परिवर्तन कर दिया है, यह जो भी सुझाव आपके पास आये हैं, उसको मद्देनजर रखते हुये किया है, और क्या आप मानते हैं कि इन नियमों के कारण जो शिकायतें आपके पास अभी तक आई, वह शिकायतें नहीं आ सकेंगी।

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: Because of the representation made to us the rules have been changed and the benefits have been given. As per this in the case of Brand Rate applications will now be submitted after 30 days and the date could be extended also on the merits of each case by another thirty days. This decision has been taken after taking into consideration all the difficulties faced by the exporters.

DR. BAPU KALDATE: So, there will be no difficulty?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: No.

DR. BAPU KALDATE: This is the same.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: There will not be any difficulty. That is why this step has been taken.

DR. BAPU KALDATE: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No second supplementary. So, we go to the next question No. 233.

*233. [*The questioner (Shri Thangabalu) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 44 infra].

*234. [*The questioner (Bhagatram Manhar) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 44-45 *infra*]

R.B.I. guidelines for grant of loan

*235. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has given any new guidelines to banks recently regarding grant of loans to different bodies/sections of society, particularly the weaker sections; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India issued instruction in February, 1983 to all commercial banks advising them to raise the proportion of advances to priority sector to 40 per cent of their total advances by the end of March 1985. The banks were given a sub-target within the priority sector, of lending to weaker sections and were advised by Reserve Bank of India that the outstanding advances in favour of weaker sections should be at-least 10 per cent of total advances by the end of March 1985. The actual performance of public sector banks in lending to priority sector is set out below:—

	March 1985	September 1986
(i) Percentage of priority sector advances to total advances.	41·3	43·4
(ii) Percentage of Weaker Section advances to total advances	9·4	10·8

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : सभापति महोदय, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि रिजर्व बैंक ने जो गाईडलाइंस दिये हैं उसमें जो गरीबी की रेखा के नीचे वाले व्यक्तियों को लोन मेला के माध्यम से कर्ज दिए जाते हैं, उसको क्या-क्या शर्तें हैं ?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: You mean the purpose of the loan functions?

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Criteria.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: The purpose of the loan function is to see that the credit given to the weaker sections is accelerated and also to show that it reaches the weaker sections and that the people of this country should know whether this programme is being implemented properly or not. And if there is any element of corruption, then this element